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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Re: review of the term**

We made it! We have completed a full term with quite a lot of exciting things going on and it has almost (dare I say it) felt like a regular school term!

It has been such an odd term though, full of challenges for everyone behind the scenes, but I feel immensely proud that despite many operational matters to navigate, the children have enjoyed a term in school which has felt more like school as we know it. Despite the cases of Covid-19 in school this term, our attendance is still 95.41% (compared to 88.9% nationally) – well done everyone! The whole staff team have been fantastic; I know you will have the same feelings of thanks towards them as I do.

Mrs Chantler will officially be ending her contract as the named SENCO at the end of December but she will instead be working on a consultancy basis with us to support some of the children for the remainder of the year as they make the transition to High School. Mrs Richards is a qualified SENCo so in the meantime we will take on some of the day-to-day aspects of the role while we interview. Mrs Chantler will support school with recruiting a replacement and support with any handover as and when we appoint.

Miss Gimeno (who worked across both sites in Autumn 2019) has been working from home this term. She surprised us last week with an early arrival of baby number three - a month ahead of schedule! Mum and baby are doing well. Welcome to the world baby Arthur, and Congratulations Miss Gimeno and family.

There have been many successes and moments to enjoy this term. It has been very busy and the children have had a fantastic time in school. Our curriculum continues to develop, providing children with support and challenge in all areas. We look forward to welcoming you into school in the new year to show you the children's wonderful work.

As you have not been able to join us for many events, we thought we would summarise some of the key aspects of the term in this newsletter.

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**The Y6 and Reception Buddy System** is proving once again successful. The Autumn Term is dedicated to the Y6 children helping their reception buddies to socialise and get used to school routines at lunchtime. They have such a wonderful relationship with each other.

**School Council** has been re-launched for the new academic year. This was really exciting as the last time we worked with School Council was Autumn 2019 before the pandemic caused chaos in the Spring term of 2020.

Each class learned about the British Value Democracy as the process requires that they vote for candidates who they feel are suitable. The long list is reduced following two rounds of anonymous ballot voting to the final candidates. These 'short list' candidates gave a speech and were chosen by their classmates to represent them on School Council.

The School Councillors work with other children in school as they take their minutes back to the whole class to ask for their contributions, votes and ideas. They have already raised money for charity this year and ensured that the whole school were involved in Anti-Bullying week!

School Council are supported in school by the **Y6 Prefects and Y5 Ambassadors**. These roles help develop responsibility and independence as they undertake important jobs (like selling raffle tickets for FROGS)!

**Den Building** was a way to block our outdoor learning / forest school type lessons this term. The children had an incredible time as it was so much fun! The aim of this session was a Design Technology focus, looking at structures and joins. We have already booked sessions for the Spring and Summer terms too for all classes.





## Harrogate High Sporting Competitions for Y3/4 and Y5/6

This year we signed up to the weekly competitions at Harrogate High School again but we have actually been able to attend! HOORAY!

The children in KS2 have had an incredible time, playing football with their classmates, playing on a team with their friends from the other class in the federation and even stepping in to help other schools who were short on numbers. We really have been impressed with the children's attitudes as they have exemplified EVERY SINGLE ONE of our school values consistently across the term.

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Parents and carers – we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you for taking the children there each week. Thank you also to the staff members too who have completed the paperwork and committed to standing in the cold each week to provide our children with these wonderful opportunities.



We are keeping our fingers crossed that Tchoukball will go ahead in the Spring Term. We are also aiming to have a session for KS1 children to do some friendly games too against Goldsborough / Sicklinghall.

Extra-Curricular Clubs is an area that School Council are helping to improve. So far this term we have enjoyed Wednesday Sport Competitions, Multi-sport and lunch time football club.

If you know of any providers who can run a club from a classroom, or outside in the spring / Summer and who are willing to venture to the village of Sicklinghall or Goldsborough, please pass on their details via the school office.

Curriculum enrichment is something that we are passionate about as a federation. We know that children remember exciting days for many years. This year we have continued with our Departure Days (to mark the start of the learning journey for the half term). The children absolutely love them!



Some of the enrichments Visits and Visitors have been a video call with Sam's Safari, a visit to Harlow Carr, a talk from a member of the Yorkshire Geological Society, an Assembly from the Association of Harrogate Muslims and a safety talk from North Yorkshire Fire Service.



Class 1 and 2 also visited the Church grounds to create Bug Hotels in the grounds of the church yard.

Reverend Stroma held a virtual Remembrance Worship and each class applied their Art skills to create a whole-class wreath.



The children also learned about Diwali and made Rangoli Patterns and Diva Lamps.





The P.E curriculum has been really exciting and the children's attitudes, perseverance, resilience and skills are improving all the time.

This is what they have been up to in their lesson with Mr Colley.

## PE With Mr Colley

This term Mr Colley has been working with the Key Stage 1 & 2 on Outdoor Adventurous Activity and Tag Rugby.

Outdoor Adventurous Activities has given the children opportunities to develop essential life skills in:

- Problem solving
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Map reading.

In Tag Rugby the children have developed:

- Evading an opponent
- Passing and receiving the ball under pressure and the timing and weighting of the pass
- Defensive line.

Reception have been developing their fundamental skills in themed lessons where they have been working on:

- Spatial awareness
- Body awareness and controlled movements
- Accuracy when rolling.

The Multi-Sport afterschool club has enhanced:

- Accurate throwing and catching skills
- Evading an opponent
- Developing tactical awareness.

Alongside this we have been developing our social skills of body language, communication, determination, encouragement and respect.



*Outdoor Adventurous Activities*



*Tag Rugby*



### Dolce Vacancy

An opportunity has arisen for a friendly & enthusiastic individual to join Dolce's rapidly growing and forward-thinking company, working for a few hours each day in the Goldsborough Sicklinghall Federation.

The role is 10 hrs per week (2hours per day - usually from 11.30-1.30 but these are flexible dependant on service times). If you're looking for a role which fits around your family life and enjoy working with children, go to the vacancies section of the website now for more information!





As we approached the end of term, Christmas arrived in school. Mrs Clayton made us a School sign!

Thank you to the Campbell's who once again provided beautiful tree for school – so many parents have commented how lovely it is when dropping off and collecting the children! After School Club made some decorations to add to it too!



Sid Horner and Son provided their services to print everyone's beautiful Christmas Cards and raise money for FROGS too – they are such high quality, beautiful designs! Thank you!

Mrs Brearton once again inspired the children to make tree decorations for the St. John's Tree Festival. This time the children chose the theme of sweets to decorate the PINK tree that school contributed to the event. We think it looked splendid – bright, colourful and full of hope!



Several naughty elves made an appearance in school – in Class 3 the elf claimed to be the top scorer on TTRS! We raised money for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day and also enjoyed our school Christmas Dinner!



Such a lot of work goes into the FROGS events and their support for school – especially when guidance is constantly changing and events need to be adapted to ensure they can occur and the children don't miss out! We really are grateful for everyone's contributions.



FROGS made Christmas extra-special this year for us. They provided lots of party games for the children to enjoy in their classes – I have never seen so much excitement over pass the parcel! FROGS also ensured that Santa and his Elf Tinsel came to visit, laden with presents for every child. Santa and Tinsel knew everything about the children – it really was magical and our children are so lucky!

On top of that, FROGS also purchased a pantomime for the children to enjoy in school. All the work of the FROGS volunteers doesn't go unnoticed... each member is certain to be on the 'Good List' this year!





The children worked together to perform the story of the Nativity – Class 1 and 2 took the lead with the acting and KS2 were our fantastic choir. We hope you enjoy watching the video of it.



**Enterprise (German Market)** – the children have been learning more about entrepreneurial characteristics in the annual Enterprise Project. Then children love this as they get the chance to apply their Design Technology skills from lessons into a product for the real world.





All the staff in school would like to thank you for your support this term. Our school community continues to shine despite the challenging times.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas spent with your children and families, and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Ellis', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mrs Ellis  
Federation Headteacher